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State Employment Development Department Offers Assistance to Workers and Employers Affected by the Freeze

SACRAMENTO – The state Employment Development Department (EDD) has moved quickly to provide a full-range of unemployment insurance and job services to both workers and employers in response to the freeze that has devastated crops in much of the state.

“Our staff is going the extra mile to help our fellow Californians who are suffering the severe economic impact of this extreme cold weather,” EDD Director Patrick Henning said. “Thanks to the rapid mobilization of services and the leadership provided by Governor Schwarzenegger and Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, those impacted by the freeze will find easier access to a wealth of services at 19 One-Stop centers in the 17 counties covered by the Governor’s disaster proclamation.”

“EDD staff members are going out into the community to ensure that everyone affected by the freeze – employers as well as workers – will be able to make use of our services. We will ensure that workers begin receiving unemployment benefits as quickly as possible, and we will help them find new jobs through our Job Service program, including CalJOBS, our service that matches employers with workers. In addition, we can help employers find workers to speed up the harvest and perform other jobs.”

EDD employees, in partnership with local Workforce Investment Boards, state, and local organizations are staffing the One-Stop Centers from Calexico to Gilroy that Governor Schwarzenegger has designated to provide a wide variety of services and information, including food programs, health care information, warming center information and other vital services.

The EDD staff is assisting workers in filing claims for unemployment insurance benefits, beginning job searches, and providing referrals to other needed services. In addition, EDD will help employers who need additional workers or perhaps reemployment assistance later. Other employer related services include labor market information, targeted recruitment, coordinated workforce preparation, use of facilities, and screening and scheduling.

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The 17 counties covered by Governor Schwarzenegger's emergency declaration are Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura and Yuba. Below are the locations of the One-Stop Centers that are offering freeze-related services.

COUNTY	CENTER	ADDRESS	PHONE #
Fresno	Workforce Connection	1680 E. Manning Avenue Reedley, CA 93654	(559) 638-2447
Imperial	Calexico One Stop Employment & Business Center	301 Heber Avenue Calexico, CA 92231	(760) 768-7171 (760) 357-7760
Kern	Career Services Center North – Delano	1816 Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215	(661) 721-5800
	Career Services Center – Southeast Bakersfield	1600 East Belle Terrace Bakersfield, CA 93307	(661) 635-2600
Kings	Kings County One-Stop Job Center	124 North Irwin Street Hanford, CA 93230	(559) 585-3582
Madera	Madera County Workforce Assistance Center	209 East 7 th Street Madera, CA 93637	(559) 662-4500
Merced	Worknet Employment Resource Center	1200 W. 16 th Street Merced, CA 95340	(209) 724-2100
Monterey	One-Stop Career Center of Monterey County	730 La Guardia Street Salinas, CA 93905	(831) 796-3600 (800) 870-4750
Riverside	Workforce Development Center	1151 Spruce Street Riverside, CA 92507	(951) 955-3100
San Bernardino	San Bernardino Employment Resource Center	646 North Sierra Way San Bernardino, CA 92415	(909) 386-0884
San Diego	North County Inland Career Center	463 North Midway Drive Escondido, CA 92027	(760) 871-1962
San Luis Obispo	Creekside Career Center	4111 Broad Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	(805) 788-2600
Santa Barbara	Workforce Resource Center- Santa Barbara	1410 South Broadway, Suite A Santa Maria, CA 93454	(805) 614-1550
Santa Clara	South County One-Stop	7800 Arroyo Circle, Suite A Gilroy, CA 95020	(408) 846-1480
Stanislaus	Alliance Worknet	629 12 th Street Modesto, CA 95357	(209) 652-0693
Tulare	Tulare County Employment Connection, Dinuba	199 North L Street Dinuba, CA 93618	(800) 367-8742
	Tulare County Employment Connection, Porterville	1063 W. Henderson Avenue Porterville, CA 93257	(800) 637-8742
Ventura	West Oxnard Job and Career Center	635 South Ventura Road Oxnard, CA 93030	(805) 382-6551
Yuba	Yuba County One-Stop Center	1114 Yuba Street Marysville, Ca 95901	(530) 749-4800

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